**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A ~~cordless~~ thread control device for selective control of an oscillating movement of a thread transversely to its running direction, comprising:

at least one lifting device having lifting knives capable of being driven in oscillation between two positions;

at least one driver having a guide for the thread; and

at least one detaining device having control means actuable by an actuator to bring the driver selectively into engagement with the lifting device, the driver having a damper, the driver being bend-resistant in longitudinal direction and being divided between the lifting device and the control means, the driver having parts connected to one another by an elastic damper member and/or the driver being capable of being coupled contactlessly to the lifting device via an electromagnetic field, acting as a damper, of an electromagnetic coupling device.

15. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the damper is configured as a stop for the lifting device.

16. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the coupling device includes a permanent magnet arranged fixedly on the driver, the magnet having a pole held suspended between two homopolar poles of a magnetic device which are arranged on the lifting device so that the driver is driven as long as said driver is not detained by the control means.

17. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 16, wherein the poles of the permanent magnet are oriented in a direction of movement of the driver.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 16, wherein the magnetic device of the lifting device is of permanent-magnetic design.

20 (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 16, wherein the magnetic device of the lifting device is of electromagnetic design.

21. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the thread is a warp thread of a shedding device of a weaving machine.

22. (Currently amended) The thread control device as defined in claim 21, wherein the detaining device, as seen in weft direction and/or warp direction of the shedding device, has ~~an equal~~ the same division as the drivers guiding the warp threads.

23. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the driver is configured as a flat lifter having one end part formed as a control means which is bringable into engagement with a detaining member under influence of an electromagnetic actuator.

24. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 23, wherein the actuator is an oblique-pole magnet.

25. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 23, wherein the end part of the driver is a leaf spring.

26. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 23, wherein the end part of the driver has a locking recess that cooperates with the detaining member.

27. (Previously presented) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the driver cooperates with a return spring arranged on an end part facing away from the control means.

28. (New) A thread control device for selective control of an oscillating movement of a thread transversely to its running direction, comprising:

at least one lifting device having lifting elements capable of being driven in oscillation between two positions;

at least one driver having a guide for the threads; and

at least one detaining device having control means actuable by an actuator to bring the driver selectively into engagement with the lifting device, the driver having two parts connected to one another by an elastic damper member, the driver being bend-resistant in a longitudinal direction and divided between the lifting device and the control means.

29. (New) A thread control device for selective control of an oscillating movement of a thread transversely to its running direction, comprising:

at least one lifting device having lifting elements capable of being driven in oscillation between two positions;

at least one driver having a guide for the threads; and

at least one detaining device having control means actuable by an actuator to bring the driver selectively into engagement with the lifting device, the driver being bend-resistent in a longitudinal direction and being capable of being coupled contactlessly to the lifting device via an electromagnetic field of an electromagnetic coupling device, which electromagnetic field acts as a damper.

30. (New) A thread control device for selective control of an oscillating movement of a thread transversely to its running direction, comprising:

at least one thread lifting device having lifting elements capable of being driven in oscillation between two positions;

at least one driver having a guide for threads; and

at least one detaining device having control means actuable by an actuator to bring the driver selectively into engagement with the lifting device, the driver being bend-resistant in a longitudinal direction and being divided between the lifting device and the control means, the driver having parts connected to one another by an elastic damper member and the driver being capable of being coupled contactlessly to the lifting device by an electromagnetic field of an electromagnetic coupling device, which electromagnetic field acts as a damper.